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THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

'A man who stood up'

The Alamo Drafthouse Ritz screens a remastered version of *Taxi Driver* at 7 p.m. to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the film.

TUESDAY

Accidental Thief

Local talent Matt the Electrician plays at Waterloo Records at 5 p.m. in anticipation of his new album, *Accidental Thief*, which comes out Saturday.

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'Nerd Do Well'

Comedian Simon Pegg speaks at Book People at 7 p.m.

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Esther's Follies

A new cast takes over at the popular improv club for the weekend with shows at 8 and 10 p.m.

Today in history

In 1971

The New York Times began to publish The Pentagon Papers, a series of documents that revealed systematic lies by the Lyndon B. Johnson administration during the Vietnam War.

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Quote to note

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— **Arshad Hasan**
Executive director of Howard Dean Democracy for America

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OMAHA ON THE HORIZON



Ryan Edwards | Daily Texan Staff

Texas pitchers Nathan Thornhill, right, and Corey Knebel embrace after Knebel clinched the final out of Texas' 4-2 win over Arizona State in the Austin Super Regional.



By **Trey Scott**
Daily Texan Columnist

Bottoms up.

That's more than simply your cue to start celebrating Texas' 34th trip to the College World Series and its second in three years. Rather, it's a tip of the cap to one of the reasons these Longhorns

are headed to Omaha: The bottom of the order finally started hitting.

Kevin Lussion, Jacob Felts and Jordan Etier — a trio of maligned hitters who never met a bad pitch they didn't swing at — played like All-Americans the past two weekends.

There was Lussion in the regional, hitting two home runs and a walk-off single. There was Felts, notching two hits in the super regional and holding his ground at home plate as ASU's Mike Ben-

jamin barreled into him on Saturday in a play that swung the momentum of the series. And then there was Etier who, after going 0-for-2 with two strikeouts Friday night, sent a three-run shot deep into the

ON THE WEB:

Check out a photo slideshow from the Horns' win last night
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Stephanie Meza | Daily Texan Staff

Bikers flood Sixth Street on Saturday night during the final days of the Republic of Texas Biker Rally.

Rally brings motorcycle riders together from all walks of life

By **Aaron West**
Daily Texan Staff

The deafening roars of thousands of tricked-out motorcycles filled downtown streets and beyond Saturday — harbingers of the annual Republic of Texas Biker Rally and the accompanying leather and notorious biker attitudes.

The rally, which began 17 years ago, brought musical acts such as the Doo-bie Brothers, the John Gaar band and others to the Travis County Exposition center, where bikers had the option to camp for the weekend. Down-

town hotels were filled to capacity and city streets hosted other festivities like the ROT parade, which holds the Guinness World Record for "Longest Parade of Motorcycles." Whether at the exposition center or downtown, bikers from all over the country celebrated Texas' biggest motorcycle rally and their love for the bikes.

"There's a few troublemakers and a few people that don't know what the hell they're doing, but most people are just Average Joes who just ride their bikes

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ON THE WEB:

Check out footage from this weekend's ROT rally
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SlutWalk condemns culture of blame

By **Victoria Pagan**
Daily Texan Staff

The Capitol lawn hosted some unusual outfits ranging from corsets and thongs to sundresses and sweat pants Saturday as 400 people gathered to condemn a culture that blames rape victims in SlutWalk Austin.

Two people are raped or sexually assaulted in Austin every day, and only 40 percent of those attacks are reported to authorities, accord-

ing to the group's website. The event and others like it around the world aim to promote healthy conversation about rape and rally to end sexual assault.

The first SlutWalk took place in Toronto in April after community members were outraged when a police officer told university students that women would be less likely to get raped if they didn't dress like "sluts." Austin SlutWalk organizer Abigail Dalglish said she decid-

ed to introduce SlutWalk to Austin after she learned about the recent gang rape of an 11-year-old girl in Cleveland, Texas.

"The coverage of the rape was

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ON THE WEB:

Check out a video of SlutWalk on the Capitol lawn
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Allen Otto | Daily Texan Staff

Kamene Dornubari-Ogidi and Omar Lopez lead SlutWalk to the Capitol on Saturday afternoon. SlutWalk seeks to help create a dialogue among sexual assault victims.



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co-chair of the committee and said various universities' alumni, faculty members and administrators reached out to legislators directly regarding Perry's approach to governing higher education and the direction of their boards of regents.

Various emails media outlets acquired through the Texas Public Information Act show Perry has been personally urging regents to adopt an agenda set forth by Jeff Sandefer, a member of the Texas Public Policy Foundation. Zaffirini said Sandefer has single-handedly tried to change higher education in the state by separating research from university funding.

"Texas Public Policy [Foundation] thought tax payer's money should not be used for research and recommended that universities go under Sunset Review," Zaffirini said. "It was an outrageous recommendation."

Zaffirini said teaching and learning happen at colleges, while teaching, learning and research happen at universities — a crucial distinction between the two.

"The goal of the committee will be to make things transparent and focus on doing some back finding while hearing testimonies regarding the direction of higher education," said committee co-chairman Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas.

The committee also plans to monitor all university systems' boards of regents and ensure they all go through a proper orientation and training process.

"A regent is not a CEO but an appointed official responsible for policy," Zaffirini said. "Every regent should understand the con-

cept of shared governance and must support their universities' presidents and chancellors and not have personal or political agendas. Change must be the result of thoughtful collaboration."

Zaffirini said emails have been released that indicate Sandefer had been meeting with UT regents before they were appointed and that Sandefer personally recommended a few regents to Perry who now serve.

UT System spokesman Matt Flores said he was not allowed to comment on the future of the joint committee, but confirmed it is the regents' job to set policy, while it is the chancellor's job to implement it.

Zaffirini said she had a problem with how Perry was pursuing higher education initiatives. Zaffirini said she hopes many voices will participate in the conversation about molding higher education in the months to come.

The new committee will release its initial report by January 2013, and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will compile a better practice report to examine the actions of other higher education institutions around the country.

Zaffirini said she believes university faculty and administrations will uphold academic standards while the committee works to resolve differences between regents' goals and those of legislators and educators.

"We will work with the lieutenant governor and committee members to turn this negative into a positive," Zaffirini said. "The committee will come up with positive solutions to the problem while allowing everyone to participate in the process."

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and think it's cool to be around the bikes," said Steve Cantwell, a biker and a businessman from Ft. Worth who marked his 10th Republic of Texas rally this weekend.

The gathering attracted about 50,000 bikers to the city. The bikers, many of whom are leather-clad, tattoo-covered and look like they've stepped out of a scene from "Easy Rider," flock to the event for different reasons.

"I come to see all the bikes and the people," Cantwell said. "It's the common interest. I've been riding my whole life, so just to get together and see all the other people who enjoy the same pastime that I do is great."

Although many bikers in town are independent riders, others are members of motorcycle clubs that take the biker lifestyle more seriously. The clubs are identified by colors, often displayed on patch-covered vests. The secretary of the League City chapter of the Gypsy Motorcycle Club, whose biker



Biker couples show off their motorcycles during the ROT Rally on Sixth Street on Saturday afternoon.

Rebecca Rodriguez
Daily Texan Staff

name is Goldfinger, said motorcycle clubs are exclusive and that people can't just join a club — they have to work for it.

"We follow protocol," Goldfinger said. "You don't [just] get a vest, you've got to earn it. It's kind of like being in a fraternity. You have to learn respect, you have to learn club history."

Jeremy Harris, a biker from San Antonio, is on the other end of the

spectrum. The rally was his first Republic of Texas experience, and, like Cantwell, he said he was just interested in seeing the bikes and having fun.

"It gives me something to do," Harris said. "I come out and cruise and hang out for a while. I wanted to check out all the bikes, drink beer and hang out with my girl."

A passion for thunderous motorcycles is something both club

members and casual riders can agree on.

"It's just fun to get together and see all this," Cantwell said. "Just walking up and down [Sixth Street] and looking at all the cool bikes. You'll see anything from a piece of crap that'll make you wonder 'How did that even get here,' to like a \$100,000 bike that's like 'Man, somebody's got more money than sense.'"

Police enforce no-refusal weekend during biker rally

By Katrina Tollin
Daily Texan Staff

This year the Austin Police Department cracked down on drunk driving during the annual Republic of Texas Biker Rally with a no-refusal weekend.

An expected 40,000 motorcyclists and motorcycle-enthusiasts were in Austin this weekend for the 17th annual ROT Rally.

Denise Garcia, spokesperson for the ROT Rally, said the event organizers were pleased APD took on the issue.

"It's an important measure to take," she said. "We do not encourage drinking and driving — we have full support with the APD on that matter."

Armando Blanco, a project manager in Construction Services at the University said he has attended the rally for five or six

years and supports the no-refusal weekend.

"It's good. You shouldn't be drunk on a bike," he said. "They're just doing it for the safety of it."

A notice in the rally's program guide and signs on the highway alerted visitors and Austinites about the no-refusal weekend.

Last year, there were three alcohol-related traffic deaths during the rally, according to APD. Commander Jason Dusterhoft of the highway enforcement unit said he hopes the no-refusal weekend helped reduce drunk driving.

"We looked back at the numbers of the last year's ROT rally," Dusterhoft said. "We had three fatalities that were all alcohol-related in three days. That obviously concerns us and we want to do anything we can to stop that."

This year, one motorcyclist died in Hays County when he rear-

ended a truck early Friday morning, but it is unknown if the cyclist was intoxicated. Another was killed in a crash in East Austin Saturday morning with an intoxicated SUV driver, according to police sources.

Other crashes left three motorcyclists critically injured, according to local news sources. It is unknown if these accidents were alcohol-related.

A judge was on call Friday and Saturday nights to write warrants for the blood tests of anybody suspected of drunk driving who would not willingly submit to a breath or blood test.

"If we pull over someone who might be drinking we'll call over one of [Dusterhoft's] units and they handle it," said Sgt. Gary Hanna of the Southwest sector.

About 53 percent of traffic deaths in Austin are alcohol-relat-

ed, according to APD. Police won't have total numbers of drunk driving arrests until later today.

A police escort led the rally's Friday night parade from the Travis County Expo Center, where the event is held, to Congress Avenue. Downtown road closures were erected around East Sixth Street and on Congress Avenue between Cesar Chavez and 11th streets.

Tourism revenue from the Rally is expected to bring \$35 million into Austin, said Julie Hart, vice-president of finance and operations for the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"We bring people from out of town who wouldn't normally be here. They leave their money, it circulates through our economy; they go home, and they don't use our services," said Hart. "That's the huge benefit of it."

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TOMORROW'S WEATHER

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I didn't realize we had a bag of ideas in there.



A Syrian refugee woman walks in the new refugee tent compound in Boynuyogun, Turkey, near the Syrian border. Syrian forces launched a crackdown on the town of Jisr al-Shughour, fueling fears that the clashes could spark a further influx of refugees toward bordering Turkey.

Syrian army reclaims mutinous town

Residents show willingness to fight back after months of mostly peaceful protests

By Bassem Mroue
The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Syria — Elite Syrian troops backed by helicopters and tanks regained control Sunday of a town where police and soldiers joined forces with the protesters they were ordered to shoot — a decisive assault from a government prepared for an all-out battle to keep power.

Troops led by the president's brother shelled Jisr al-Shughour as the gunships hovered overhead, paving the way for scores of tanks and armored personnel carriers to roll in from two directions. By early afternoon, the sounds of battle faded. The army was in control.

Sunday's developments, and actions by opponents of the Syrian government, marked a major departure from what had been a largely peaceful protest movement. Among them: the discovery of a mass grave filled with uniformed bodies and the increasing willingness of mutineers and outgunned residents to fight back.

Syrians who were among thousands to flee for the nearby Turkish border said about 60 mutineers were defending the town alongside some 200 unarmed residents. The government reported three deaths in the fighting — one of its own soldiers and two unidentified men whose bodies were shown to reporters.

"The Syrian army is fighting itself," said Muhieddine Lathkani, a London-based Syrian writer and intellectual. "The army's response was strong because they did not

want the mutiny to become larger."

Neighboring Turkey, about 12 miles away, has given sanctuary to more than 5,000 fleeing Syrians, nearly all of them in the past few days from Idlib province. Turkey's prime minister has accused the Assad regime of "savagery."

Arab governments, which were unusually supportive of NATO intervention in Libya, have been silent in the face of Syria's crackdown, fearing the alternative to Assad would be chaos. The country has an explosive sectarian mix and is seen as a regional powerhouse with influence in neighboring Israel, Lebanon and Iraq.

Fridays in Syria have become a familiar cycle of protest and government crackdown, one that appeared likely to continue on June 3 in Jisr al-Shughour and elsewhere. Instead, residents say, police and

soldiers turned on their commanders, and control of the town slipped out of government hands.

"The situation is very bad," said Abdu, a Syrian who sneaked into the Turkish village of Guveci, where he came to get bread for his family who had fled and were camped just inside Syria. "We want democracy, we want freedom. We are not afraid of anything anymore."

Wildfires in Arizona in danger of crossing New Mexican border

By Brian Skoloff
The Associated Press

SPRINGVILLE, Ariz. — An eye-stinging, throat-burning haze of smoke spewing from a gigantic wildfire in eastern Arizona is beginning to stretch as far east as central New Mexico.

The 672-square-mile blaze was no longer just an Arizona problem on Saturday as firefighters moved to counter spot fires sprouting up across the state line and lighting their own fires to beat it back. Officials worried that the return of gusty southwesterly winds during the afternoon could once again threaten small mountain communities.

Mark Shaffer, director of communications at the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, termed forecasts for gusty and unsettled wind

conditions Sunday "pretty scary."

Guarding the picturesque mountain town of Greer, firefighter Matt Howell, 28, described the difficulty of working in such smoky, choking conditions.

"You get in there and it's hard to breathe," he said. "You start coughing, can't get that good, nice breath of air."

The fire began spotting across the state line Friday night and 150 additional firefighters and several fire engines were sent to bolster forces already waiting in New Mexico, officials said.

In Greer, scattered plumes of smoke rose from the forest where spot fires persist.

"We expect the winds to be testing a lot of our lines out there," said fire spokeswoman Karen Takai.

NEWS BRIEFLY

First photos of Gabrielle Giffords show little evidence of wound

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Two photos of a smiling Rep. Gabrielle Giffords were released early Sunday by her office, her hair shorn short but few other telling signs of her gunshot wound to the head.

The Facebook photos, taken May 17 outside her Houston hospital, are the first clear snapshots of Giffords since the shooting five months ago during a constituent meet-and-greet in a Safeway parking lot in Tucson.

The photos showed how far she has come since she was wounded in the left side of her forehead, but

her spokeswoman, Pia Carusone, has cautioned that Giffords still has a long way to go in her recovery.

They show the congresswoman outside, the greenery of the hospital lawn in the background. She smiled directly into the camera in one, while in the other she smiled downward as she sat next to her mother, Gloria Giffords.

Giffords has been in a Houston rehab facility since two weeks after the Jan. 8 shooting. Six people were killed and 13 were injured, including Giffords.

Carusone said Friday that Giffords could be released sometime this month.

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OVERVIEW

Bringing down the walls of prejudice

Rep. Wayne Christian, R-Center, made yet another attack on the GLBT community Thursday with his attempt to revive an amendment that would significantly reduce support for gender and sexuality centers at universities in Texas.

If passed, the amendment to SB 1, the Senate budget bill, would have prohibited colleges and universities from using state funds to support gender and sexuality centers. It would have also banned colleges from using university facilities for the centers.

After nearly 45 minutes of debate and after Democrats raised a point of order that would have affected the entire budget bill, Christian withdrew his amendment, according to The Texas Tribune.

During the regular legislative session, Christian proposed an amendment that would have required universities with gender and sexuality centers to spend at least as much in appropriated funds on a family and traditional values center that promotes heterosexual behavior.

The proposal was added to SB 1, but the Senate removed it when reviewing the bill. As a result, it appears Christian decided to take a harsher, more direct approach last week with the amendment to completely defund gender and sexuality centers.

If Christian's proposal had passed, GLBT communities and their allies would have lost a tremendous amount of support and resources.

Nevertheless, without realizing the irony, Christian told the House, "I pray for the day that we actually can sit and discuss things and bring those walls of prejudice down." House members did just that when they rejected Christian's discriminatory amendment last week.

Bias in the classroom

The recent study that investigated bias in the classroom found a correlation between students' perception of bias and their resistance to changing their beliefs.

The study, which will appear in the latest issue of College Teaching, surveyed more than 250 college students to assess their resistance to change and their perception of bias from faculty members, according to Inside Higher Ed. The researchers found that those who were less resistant to new ideas were less likely to perceive bias in the classroom.

Groups such as Young Conservatives of Texas, which for years released a "Professor Watch List," have accused professors of bias and attempting to force certain ideologies onto students. In fact, academia "has acquired such a strong reputation for liberalism and secularism that over the last 35 years few politically or religiously conservative students, but many liberal and secular ones, have formed the aspiration to become professors," write sociologists Neil Gross and Ethan Fosse in their paper "Why Are Professors Liberal?"

Hopefully, students inclined to level accusations of liberal brainwashing will consider that the purpose of higher education is to expand students' knowledge, and that includes constantly challenging their beliefs. A staunch resistance to change undermines the very mission higher education intends to accomplish.

Research criticism misses the mark

By Emil Kresl
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

In a recent Austin American-Statesman guest column, Richard Vedder lambasted the University of Texas at Austin in particular and higher education in general. Through his Center for College Affordability & Productivity (whose staff directory looks more like a yearbook for an all-boys boarding school), he proclaims to have determined that it is pointless for anyone to write articles about Shakespeare any longer and that academic papers are generally a waste since they don't generate enough capital, despite the fact that he boasts to have written "scores of academic journal articles" himself.

He also laments that many of his colleagues at Ohio University are often not in their offices during the workweek — something he knows because of a reconnaissance mission he took to survey the corridors, presumably giving himself license to leave his own office at the time to perform this particularly important research.

There is plenty in academia to criticize

and be concerned about, yet Vedder, for all his self-righteous stone throwing, is unable to hit a single mark. He's desperate to solve the problems of academia by putting things in terms he can understand, but the value of research, teaching and learning cannot be quantified, nor can Shakespeare, Texas barbeque or Jesus Christ Himself. All the standardized testing and aggregate data analysis in the world isn't going to change that.

If Vedder had his way, universities would turn out products like "Jersey Shore," Grand Theft Auto and Donald Trump. Those are all serious moneymakers after all, so why aren't we producing this trash?

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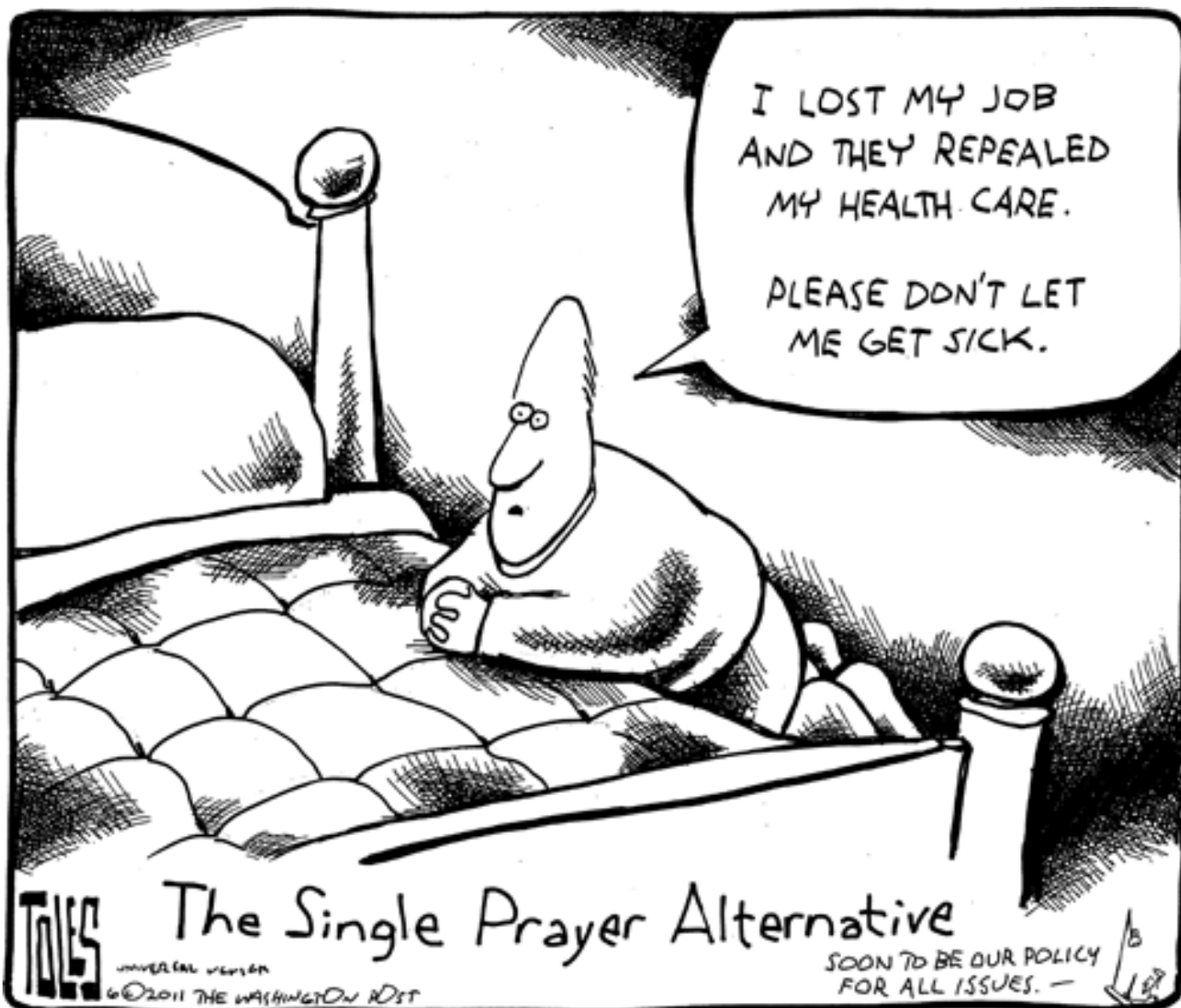
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the development of new knowledge." Yes, it is also to benefit the state's economy, which it does in spades. If you absolutely have to put a dollar figure on it, here it is: For every dollar going into UT, 18 are returned to the state economy. One hopes most people can understand that what UT gives back — what any educational institution worth its salt gives back — is boundless. It is the essence of innovation, that indefinable something that makes America great, that wonder of research and awe of discovery.

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Kresl is a graduate student in the LBJ School of Public Affairs and the School of Architecture.

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very problematic,” Dalgleish said. “The media kept covering how troubling the rape was for the community instead of the fact that an 11-year-old girl had just been gang raped by 18 men.”

Dalgleish said her fellow organizers hope the walk will help spread the message that sexual assault is never the victim’s fault.

Elizabeth Byrd, a child protective specialist with the Texas Department of Family Protective Services spoke at the event on behalf of child victims of sexual assault. She said more than 6,000 children are sexually abused every year — the size of some small towns.

“Entire cities of children in our state are being raped,” Byrd said. “I’ve worked with survivors as young as six months old and as old as 80 years old. I can assure you the six-month-old survivor was not raped because of what she was wearing.”

Byrd said she came to the event to encourage participants to protect, inform and listen to children who say they are being hurt. She said she puts pressure on all parents to raise their children to not perpetrate violence of any sort.

Brooke Axtell, who works with anti-sexual assault organizations

such as Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network and the Women’s and Children’s Alliance, spoke at the event about her own experience with sexual assault. She said she hopes to inspire other victims of sexual assault to give voice to their pain so they can begin their healing process.

“Keep talking until somebody listens,” Axtell said. “Rape is soul murder and the resurrection is extremely painful. Only you can tell the story you need to tell to honor the truth.”

Guli Fager, health education coordinator at UT’s Health Promotion Resource Center, said in her experience, UT police officers take sexual assault very seriously and would never blame victims. She said she attended the event because it is starting healthy conversations about rape.

“It’s important for people, both male and female, to understand that people are sexually assaulted because someone wanted to assault them, not because they were dressed slutty,” Fager said. “We would never say to someone who parked their car in a dark alley that they deserved it if it was stolen. We would never say ‘You did a slutty parking job.’”

NEWS BRIEFLY
Documentary showcases career of prominent African-American

More than 3.2 million people can watch a documentary this summer about one of the first African-Americans to attend UT and who became a world-renowned opera singer.

AT&T is offering “When I Rise,” a documentary about Barbara Smith Conrad, free to its U-Verse TV customers for 90 days. The documentary, produced by UT’s Dolph Briscoe Center for American History and sponsored in part by AT&T, features a special introduction by AT&T chairman and CEO Randall Stephenson.

Gail Torreano, senior vice president of AT&T employee communications and sponsorships, said the film aligned with the company’s commitment to diversity and the arts.

“This real-life story is one that undoubtedly will inspire anyone and everyone who sees it, and that’s something we’re proud to be a part of,” she said in an email. “It aligns with our goals of supporting diversity, education and enriching our communities.”

The documentary details how Conrad was expelled from the cast of a 1957 UT production after she was cast opposite a white boy in a romantic role. Conrad said she is excited by the documentary’s further distribution.

“It’s nothing I expected, nothing I planned for, but it gave me an amazing opportunity to connect with my youth,” she said. “A very exciting part of my life was the beginning of integration at UT.”

— Allison Harris

Campaign boot camp trains students

Speaker emphasizes passion in politics to combat apathy in national, local elections

By William James
Daily Texan Staff

Political uncertainty fueled by a difficult economic climate defines national politics, the leader of a national grassroots political action committee told aspiring political leaders at a student conference Friday.

Arshad Hasan, the executive director of Howard Dean Democracy for America, spoke at a weekend of events hosted by the New Politics Forum, part of the Annette Strauss Center for Civic Participation in the College of Communication. Thirty-five students from universities across the state registered to attend workshops the next day and made campaign strategy presentations for mock candidates Sunday.

The New Politics Forum has hosted three youth-focused non-partisan events every year since it began in 2003, said New Politics Forum Program Coordinator Emily Einsohn. She said the boot camp would help the forum’s mission to increase voter turnout and improve citizenship.

“We believe we’re fighting against the growing disaffection in the United States, and we’re trying to create more community leaders,” Einsohn said. “By bringing active political professionals, we show them an insider’s perspective and we tell them their engagement matters.”

Hasan said the rise of the Tea Party and other national political events demonstrate that both Republicans and Democrats are experiencing political uncertainty, common ground for parties that espouse different values.

“[Voters] don’t know what’s coming up next, and that makes them feel less powerful,” Hasan said. “Ultimately, what you’re here to do is to facilitate the work of



Allen Otto | Daily Texan Staff / Associated Press

Ricco Garcia presents his team’s campaign strategy to judges as part of the College of Communication’s New Politics Forum. Students from around the state applied for the workshops that took place this weekend.

whether it’s yourself, volunteers, or other staffers, to actually talk to people and make them feel more powerful, make them understand that they actually have an impact in their lives.”

Hasan said political campaign staffers should ask ordinary citizens how they are doing to involve them more in the political process. He told the students they should remember the principles that inspired them to become involved in politics during difficult periods.

“It’s not glamorous, it’s not sexy,” he said. “You work 18-hour days and you’re probably not going to eat right. You’re all doing this because you’re fueled by your passion.”

Einsohn said the campaign simulation was a unique opportunity for students.

“It’s entirely interactive in that regard; it’s not just a normal conference,” she said. “We want to give

them the skills to jump immediately into campaigns.”

Government junior Ricco Garcia said Friday’s speakers made him more excited for the workshops. He praised Hasan’s theme of students sticking to the values they feel passionately about.

“His skill set is worthy of a lot of money,” Garcia said. “He could sell out for the highest bidder, but he sells out for whoever he thinks is right.”

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Austin nonprofits help clean up Lady Bird Lake

By Harold Fisch
Daily Texan Staff

Dozens of Austin residents joined the throngs of dogs and joggers at Lady Bird Lake on Saturday in an annual cleanup project hosted by Keep Austin Beautiful.

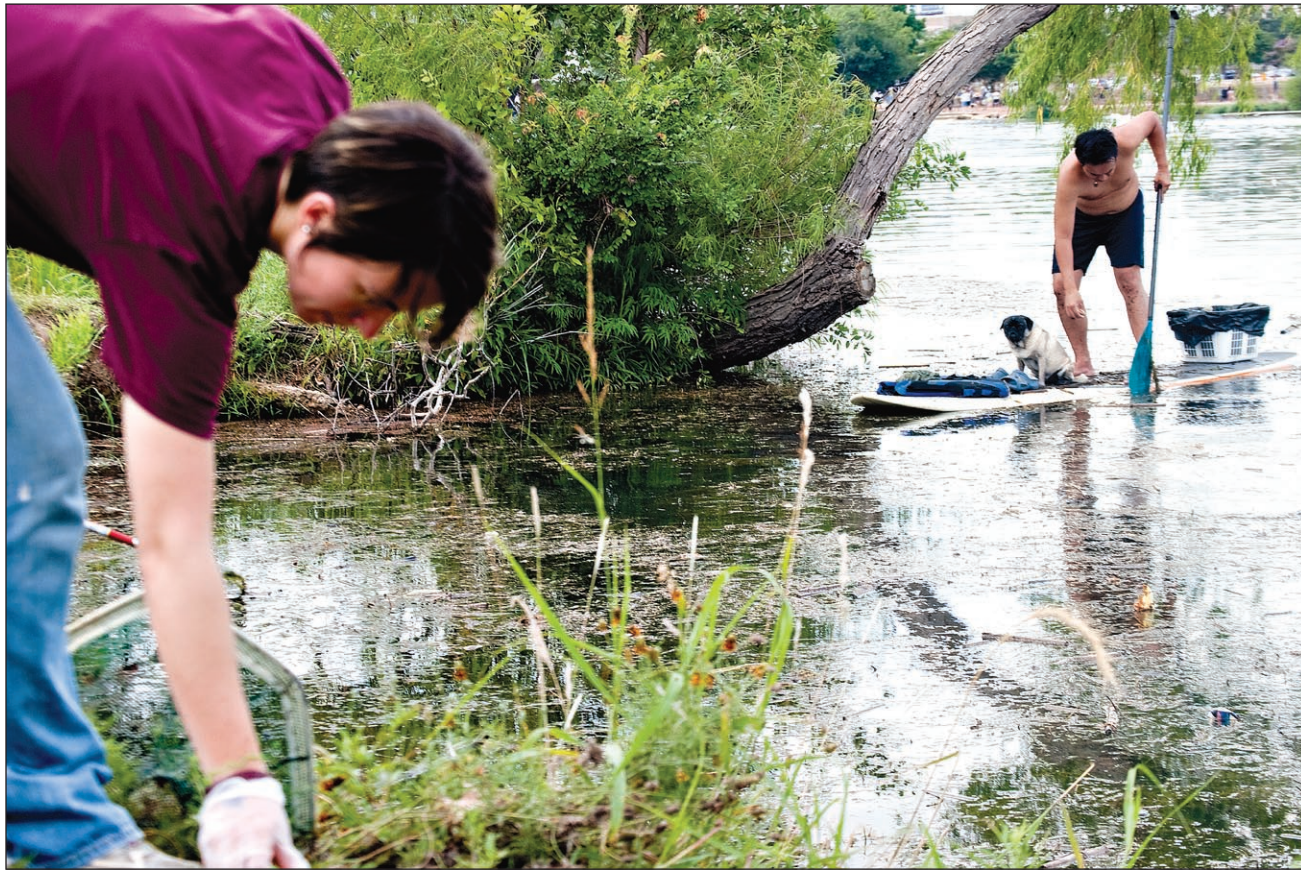
The nonprofit group works in conjunction with other organizations to put on events such as the lake cleanup.

Little Helping Hands, a local nonprofit organization, was one of the groups that turned out to help. Little Helping Hands founder and executive director Marissa Vogel said about 250 total volunteers had registered for eight different sites by the lake.

An ambitious organizer, Vogel hopes volunteering events such as the lake cleanup will lead to greater things for her organization.

"We started the organization about two years ago this month, and my inspiration was my own kids," Vogel said. "We were trying to find opportunities for them to get out and get involved in the community."

Other groups that participated in the cleanup included Austin Standup Paddleboarder, Capital Cruises, Expedition School, Green Feet Fitness and the Surfrider Foundation.



Jessica Shockley and Eddie Nimibutr volunteer Saturday morning at an annual cleanup project at Lady Bird Lake.

Rebeca Rodriguez
Daily Texan Staff

Little Helping Hands volunteer Monica Blackburn said she was very impressed with the level of support Keep Austin Beautiful provided.

"It's nice working with Keep

Austin Beautiful, because there is always someone you can turn to to give supplies or help out," Blackburn said. "Every time we go out here, the runners always stop and say thank you, and that's the best

part about it."

Volunteer Loretta King went out with her 4-year-old son that morning to clean up the lake.

"What is great about this program is that there are so many ac-

tivities available, from tearing down graffiti to ripping up old computers at Goodwill," she said. "It's great that we can get our kids out volunteering and enjoying giving back to the community."

NEWS BRIEFLY

Schools to take 6-percent cuts despite wishes of protesters

Public school districts will take a 6-percent cut for the next biennium despite rallies and protests held by educators, politicians and public school officials at the Texas Capitol that demanded alternatives.

The State House of Representatives passed key legislation that will balance the 2012-13 budget and cut \$4 billion from public schools with a vote of 83-62 on Thursday. The bill will now go to conference committee, where House and Senate members will work out the final draft.

"This is the worst budget in a generation," Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio, said in a press release. "The budget passed is fiscally irresponsible, and marks a failure to invest in the future of Texas."

The budget did not get balanced without a heated debate over funding for GLBT services at the university level. Rep. Wayne Christian, R-Center, proposed an amendment that prohibited universities from using state money to fund gender and sexuality centers.

After hours of debate, the amendment was withdrawn from consideration when Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, D-San Antonio, called for a point of order which essentially killed the amendment.

Tony McDonald, law student and senior vice chairman of Young Conservatives of Texas, lobbied with Christian for months to get this amendment passed. He said he is glad that at least representatives are aware now that these centers exist in universities.

McDonald said gender and sexuality centers engage in social and political advocacy on the state's dime, something most Texans disagree with.

"Gay students are a very vulnerable group and need those types of [services], but our University has mental health organizations for that," McDonald said.

UT's Gender and Sexuality Center doesn't receive any state money, relying instead on student fees and donations, according to the center.

— William James

City Council approves measure allowing tapping of tax credits

City Council approved a measure this past week that would allow the city to take steps to tap into \$65 million in tax credits for qualifying economically distressed areas, including West Campus.

The plan proposed by The Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office would allow the city to access the New Markets Tax Credit Program, which channels billions of dollars in federal tax credits to economically distressed areas.

"The intention of this fund is to create jobs and increase wages in these economically-distressed areas," said Andy Moore, a policy aide to Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez.

The area of East Riverside between Interstate Highway-35 and Airport Boulevard and parts of West Campus both meet the criteria to access resources from the fund, and the city will find out if the applications for the awarded tax credits are successful in January 2012. If accepted, the city will create a nonprofit organization that will handle the investments of these tax credits. The economic growth office is handling the project.

"The [office] will develop a process for receiving community input on projects desired within the community," said Rodney Gonzales, deputy director at the economic growth office, in an email. "Priority will be given to those areas that already have an established neighborhood or master plan so that all projects conform with what the neighborhood desires."

— Harold Fisch

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ARIZONA STATE

Texas two-steps Arizona State, advances to CWS

Early miscues leave door open for Sun Devils, but Longhorns rebound with decisive victory

By Jon Parrett
Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorns played from behind throughout their postseason run to Omaha, and Sunday was no different. Arizona State blasted a two-run home run in the first inning to grab an early lead, but Texas used a two-run sixth inning and five scoreless innings from its bullpen to top the Sun Devils 4-2 in the third game of the Austin Super Regional. The Longhorns will advance to the College World Series for the 34th time in school history.

"We know how we play with our backs against the wall," said freshman outfielder Mark Payton. "When they jumped out, we knew we had to answer back."

The Longhorns answered in the bottom of the frame, with Payton scoring on a RBI groundout from Erich Weiss.

"That's what this team's been all about," said Texas head coach Augie Garrido. "It's about taking the blows that you have to take in baseball and coming back from them, and that's what they did."

Sam Stafford started the game for Texas and was nearly perfect after surrendering the home run in the first. The junior got into trouble in the fourth inning but was bailed out by some peculiar officiating. Arizona State's Zach Wilson had a full count with Joey DeMichele on first base, and walked as DeMichele tried to steal second. Texas second baseman Jordan Etier missed the pickoff throw from catcher Jacob Felts and the ball bounced into center field, allowing

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Ryan Edwards | Daily Texan Staff

Freshman right fielder Mark Payton runs the bases after an Arizona State throwing error in the sixth inning. Payton scored after Brandon Loy double pushed the lead to 4-2 for the Longhorns.

Bullpen salvages another series as young arms control tempo of potent Arizona State offense

By Jon Parrett & Trey Scott
Daily Texan Staff

After the Longhorns put together a solid sixth-inning offense to score two runs and take a 4-2 lead on Arizona

State, head coach Augie Garrido turned to the part of his team he's relied on all season to get him to Omaha — his pitching.

The Texas bullpen threw five scoreless innings and allowed only two batters en route to shutting down the Sun Devils and securing a trip to the College World Series.

"The pitching staff was remarkable," Garrido said. "It needs to be the corner-

stone of the team, it is the cornerstone of the team."

Nathan Thornhill started the fifth inning in relief of starter Sam Stafford, whose only runs were surrendered on a two-run home run in the first inning. He went to work quickly, eliciting groundouts from the three Sun Devils he faced. The freshman from nearby

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NBA FINALS

Dirk captures elusive first title after years of disappointment

By Jaime Aron
The Associated Press

MIAMI — Dirk Nowitzki got the Dallas Mavericks to the brink of an NBA championship. His teammates did the rest, a perfect ending for a club that talked all season about its greatest strength being the sum of its parts.

Nowitzki missed 11 of his first 12 shots and matched his series low with 21 points, yet with Jason Terry scoring 27 and every starter and reserve making some sort of significant contribution, the Mavericks beat the Miami Heat 105-95 Sunday night to wrap up the first title in franchise history.

The difference-makers were everywhere: from Ian Mahinmi with his step-back jumper and third quarter buzzer-beater to DeShawn Steven-

son and his three 3-pointers in the first half; from Brian Cardinal making a 3 and drawing a charge to J.J. Barea improving to 3-0 as a starter.

"This is a true team," coach Rick Carlisle said during the jubilant trophy ceremony. "We don't run fast or jump high. These guys have each other back. This is a phenomenal group."

Although Nowitzki had only three points at halftime, Dallas was up 53-51. It was a testament to the teammates around him. They knew if they could keep it close, the big German would snap out of his funk.

He did.

Nowitzki made his first shot of the second half and began to find a groove. He went 8 of 15 in the second half, scoring 18 points — and becoming a champion for the first time.

"I couldn't get in a rhythm today for some reason," Nowitzki said. "The team carried me all night long. (Terry) came out aggressive. I've got to give it up to the fellows. They were unbelievable tonight."

Not a single player on this roster had won a championship, and that shared burden drove them all season. Nowitzki and Terry lived with the disgust of blowing a nearly 3-0 lead against Miami in the 2006 finals, and Jason Kidd lost consecutive finals with New Jersey in 2002-03. All told, this roster had 133 seasons and zero rings.

The emotions began to hit with 18.8 seconds left and Kidd going to the line. Nowitzki and Terry met at midcourt — right on top of the Heat's logo —

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Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki reacts in the final minute of the second half of Game 6 of the NBA Finals against the Miami Heat on Sunday in Miami.

David Phillip
Associated Press

TRACK AND FIELD

Still room for improvement for young Horns

By Nick Cremona
Daily Texan Staff

The NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships came to a conclusion Saturday, and the Longhorns fell short of their expectations for the second year in a row.

Texas performed well enough to tie for 12th place with 18 points as a team. As has been the case in recent years, Texas was unable to post wins in any event.

The 4x100m team of juniors Alex Williams, Trevante Rhodes and sophomores Marquise Goodwin and D.J. Monroe finished sixth with a time of 39.24 seconds. The group seemed to be in their best shape, posting a time that was only one-hundredth of a second off their season-best. Each athlete gained First Team All-America honors with their showing.

Sophomore Keiron Stewart became a three-time First Team All-American with his wind-aided 13.38 in the 110m hurdles. Stewart finished fifth in the event, an

improvement on his seventh place finish last year.

Freshman Mark Jackson finished

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Ryan Edwards | Daily Texan Staff

Sophomore D.J. Monroe prepares for the 4x100m relay at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

All-Americans abound as Longhorns take eighth

By Nick Cremona
Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorns finished tied for eighth place overall in the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships with 25 points. This marks the 24th time in school history the team has finished inside the top 10.

Texas was lead by senior Chantel Malone, sophomore Chalonida Goodman, and freshmen Allison Peter and Christy Udoh in the 400-meter relay that finished fifth overall. With their time of 44.06 seconds, all four athletes earned First Team All-America honors.

Malone also placed fifth in the long jump with a jump of 6.49 meters. Rounding out her trifecta of events, Malone posted a sixth place finish in the triple jump with a jump of 13.27 meters, earning her seventh career All-America honor.

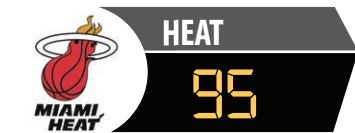
After a weather delay forced a halt to the action of day two, Junior Victoria Lucas and freshman Shanay Briscoe both cleared 1.83 meters to take second and third place respectively in the high jump. The pair earned First Team All-America status for the second time this season after both placed at the national indoor championships in March.

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Senior rowing captain honored as Second Team All-American

Senior rower Jennifer VanderMaarel was named to the 2011 Pocock All-America Second Team by the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association. This is only the third time in program history an athlete has received All-America honors, and the first since 2004. VanderMaarel was named the Conference USA Rowing Athlete of the Year earlier this year, and led the Longhorns to their first C-USA title and third straight Big 12 Championship as team captain.

— Nick Cremona

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Texas Ex his wins first PGA Tour event in heated playoff

Harrison Frazar kisses the championship trophy after winning the St. Jude Classic golf tournament Sunday, June 12, 2011, in Memphis, Tenn. Frazar beat Robert Karlsson with a par on the third hole of a sudden-death playoff to win his first PGA Tour title.



Jeff Roberson
Associated Press

By Teresa M. Walker
The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Harrison Frazar knows he's supposed to act as if he's won before. Turns out it's really tough the first time around, especially for someone who thought he'd missed his chance.

Frazar won his first PGA Tour title in his 355th tournament, beating Robert Karlsson with a par on the third hole of a sudden-death playoff Sunday at the St. Jude Classic. He won a month before turning 40 when Karlsson pushed a par-saving putt three feet past the hole.

"It was a whirlwind there. This was the first time," Frazar said. "I don't know if I'm supposed to keep the seersucker jacket. I don't know if I'm supposed to carry the trophy. You don't know who you're supposed to talk to. I felt bad. I didn't thank the sponsors. I didn't thank FedEx. I didn't thank the volunteers. I was not quite sure really what was happening right then."

"The only tournament that I won in Q-school, you walked in, signed your card in the scoring trailer, and they gave you a pat on the back, 'Good job.' You walked out the door. There was nobody there."

And Frazar had been so ready to quit golf he had plans lined up for a new job at the end of the year.

He turns 40 on July 29, misses his family back in Texas, and is playing this year on a major medical exemption after separate surgeries on his hip and shoulder last summer. Memphis is just the fourth cut he's made in 10 events, though he just qualified for the upcoming U.S. Open at Congressional.

Now Frazar has the biggest paycheck of his career, taking home \$1,008,000. He knows he'll be playing at least a couple more years now he has a slot in the

Tournament of Champions in Maui in January and in Augusta next April for his first Masters.

"It just shows you how sometimes when you let your guard down or let your expectations soften, you can free yourself up," Frazar said.

Frazar hadn't had a chance to share the news with his wife and three children when he talked with reporters. He said his wife likely was stuck in the Dallas airport, flying to meet him at Congressional.

"I'm assuming her phone is either blown up, or she's trying to get through the airport with three screaming kids," Frazar said.

Frazar missed a chance to win on the 72nd hole when he made his first bogey of the day. He shot a 3-under 67 to match Karlsson (68) at 13 under. He became the seventh first-time winner on tour this year and the first to win his first title in Memphis since Dicky Pride in 1994.

"I just wanted to make it interesting," Frazar joked. "I felt bad for Robert."

Karlsson led after the second and third rounds, and he has shot below par on his past eight rounds here. Now the Swede has lost in a playoff at the TPC Southwind course for a second straight year, though he said he couldn't have done much more in what he called a great match.

"He played great, and I played good as well," Karlsson said. "It's one of those days where I think most of us had a lot of fun out there. Congratulate him on a great win. He played great in the last round after sort of being injured and stuff like that. He played really well."

Camilo Villegas (64) tied for third with Tim Herron, Ryuji Imada, Charles Howell and Retief Goosen. Lee Westwood, the 2010 champion here, tied for 11th.

"It's pretty cool," Frazar said.

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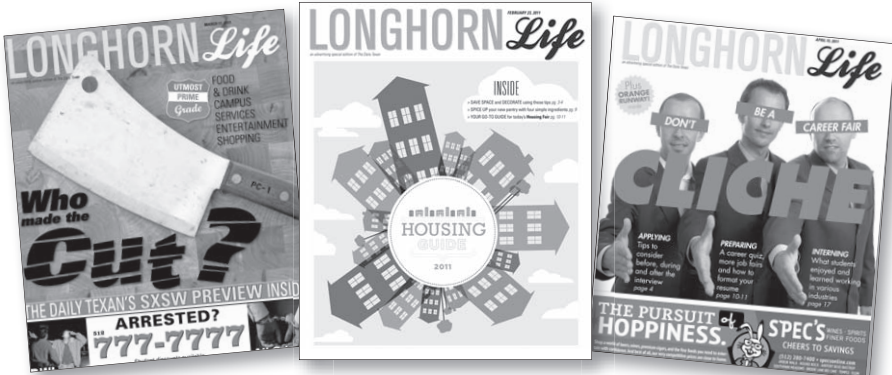
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DIRK

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and shared a hug, the smaller Terry leaning on the big German like a child and his dad. Nowitzki went to near the other free throw line, put a hand on his hip and exhaled. The job was done.

A week shy of his 33rd birthday, the former league MVP finally had the championship he so desperately craved. No longer will he and Kidd be part of the conversation of "best player never to win a ring."

It's a lift for the franchise, too. This celebration 31 years in the making was savored by hundreds of Mavericks fans, despite being halfway across the country. They stood in their blue shirts chanting "Let's Go Mavs." In Dallas, a packed house watched at the home arena, no doubt going bonkers themselves.

Franchise founder Donald Carter — wearing his trademark white cowboy hat, the one that used to be part of the team's logo — accepted the trophy from commissioner David Stern at Cuban's request.

Speaking publicly for the first time since the Western Conference title celebration, Cuban said: "It just feels so good for Dirk and Jason Kidd and [Terry] and Shawn Marion. ... This team has so much heart, so much determination."

And a championship.

YOUTH

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21st in the triple jump with a jump of 15.16 meters.

As evidenced by the team's youth, there is still a lot of room for improvement. Head coach Bubba Thornton hopes next year will bring out the best from everyone on the team, including himself.

"With a great young team and recruiting class in place, this summer we'll have to sit down and re-evaluate all the components that work within this program and will put myself as the first to be evaluated," Thornton said.

Texas A&M claimed its second consecutive Outdoor Track and Field title with 55 points. The top three spots were separated by only two points, as Florida State and Florida followed the Aggies with 54 and 53 points, respectively.



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First baseman Tant Shepherd fields a ball in Sunday's game three against Arizona State. Shepherd went 2-5 for the game, extending his hitting streak to eight games.

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night on Saturday, a spark of momentum from a guy who has struggled through a tough junior season. "I'm particularly pleased for him," said head coach Augie Garrido after the game. "He had had a rough night. Everybody is thrilled with the way he handled adversity."

They aren't the most celebrated — though Etier was trending on Twitter for 24 hours — but the truth of the matter remains that, without them, this season is no more.

"Lusson was really huge in the regionals, put some good at-bats together. Etier was the hero after a night he struggled more than I had ever seen him. Felts is probably one of the toughest kids on the team," said senior Tant Shepherd.

Sunday's game didn't require any heroics. It was a game won on the mound, and it was a game won thanks to timely two-out hitting. In fact, Lusson was the only one of the three to register a hit. Texas' season may have ended last week without them, or last night.

In a losing effort, Lusson lifted a three-run shot to right field against Kent State. Clearly, it helped his confidence, as he registered the winning hit the next morning against Texas State. Later that night, he again provided the exclamation point, by way of another homer, in a win over Kent State.

Confident and full of momentum, Texas cruised to a 5-0 win the next day to take the regional.

But after losing 3-1 on Friday against Arizona State, it looked like that the dream of Omaha was all but dead. After all, staff ace Taylor Jungmann had been used in the loss, and the offense looked especially anemic — which has seemed like the word of choice when describing the offense — pushing across just one run and leaving a crucial seven runners on base.

So the shot in the arm that the seven, eight and nine hitters delivered Saturday came at the perfect time. Lusson went 1-for-3 and walked. Felts put the tag on what would have been the tying run. The cushion — and the confidence — that Etier's blast presented is obvious.

"His home run loosened us up," Shepherd said. "It gave us momentum."

You can certainly pinpoint other causes for the Longhorns going 5-0 in elimination games the past two weekends. Starting pitching has been strong, the bullpen has been excellent, and the coaching staff pushed all the right buttons at the right time. Young stars Corey Knebel, Erich Weiss and Mark Payton continue to shine. Elder statesmen Shepherd and Brandon Loy have delivered the big hits. When I asked Knebel the biggest reason Texas is going to Omaha, the closer appropriately replied.

"I'd go with pitching," he said, smiling.

Garrido made it a point to recognize a rabid crowd.

"I don't know if we would have held up if it weren't for our fans," he said. "I think our fans did more to win the game than any other time during the year."

But Shepherd knew the major story line.

"The guys in the bottom of the order have been the unexpected heroes for us the past few weeks," he said. "When they're hitting, it's a bonus for us."

A big, big bonus.

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DeMichele to take third base safely. But home plate umpire Scott Cline called batter interference on Wilson, meaning DeMichele had to return to first and that Wilson was out. Garrido came out to argue the call, confused as to why DeMichele could take third after the interference, and had never seen a runner ruled out like that after he was awarded a base on balls.

"You can't let the runner advance to third if there's batter interference, that's about as far as I went with it," Garrido said. "There's something else about this rule that prevents that, or we'd be doing it every time."

The Longhorns had trouble with the officiating as well, taking several called strikes that fell inside a fluctuating zone.

"We let the umpire distract us a bit and you really can't do that in this game," Garrido said.

"The umpire is the third team. They're going to make mistakes, they're going to make calls, its going to be a part of the game, but its up to the two teams involved to be responsible to overcome adversities."

Brandon Loy tied the game in the fifth inning on a balk from pitcher Mitchell Lambson, and Texas took the lead in the sixth on a single from Payton that scored Tant Shepherd, who doubled the previous at-bat. Loy followed Payton's hit with an RBI double of his own to put Texas up 4-2. The Longhorns left eight runners on base before rallying in the sixth with three two-out hits to take the lead and push them to Omaha.

"When you have leaders step forward like that, other guys step up as well," Garrido said of team captains Shepherd and Loy.

We let the umpire distract us a bit and you really can't do that in this game.

— Augie Garrido, head baseball coach

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Cedar Park allowed one hit in the sixth and was relieved by lefty Hoby Milner with ASU's left-handed slugger Joey DiMichele at the plate.

"All the hard work pays off," Thornhill said. "It's good that the bullpen was able to step up. We did our job. The coaches do a great job with working us around the match-ups. It's a collective effort."

Milner got DiMichele to strike out swinging to end the inning, and then retired the side in both the seventh and eighth innings.

Closer Corey Knebel came in to pitch the ninth inning for Texas, and said he couldn't stop shaking on the mound because of the adrenaline. The freshman retired the first two batters of the inning, but gave up a fastball that Joey DeMichele slapped into deep right center field. Outfielders Cohl Walla and Mark Payton both called for the ball, but couldn't hear each other over the roaring crowd and collided into each other, allowing the ball to fall from Payton's glove and DeMichele to take third base.

"I knew it was not going to affect me at all, and that I had to turn around and get the next batter," Knebel said. "I don't ever think that guy can score a run, I think that the next batter is mine."

The freshman got the next batter to pop up to center field for the save. It was Knebel's 19th of the season, which ties the UT record for saves in a single season.

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Planking Austin members Gonzalo Sanchez and Chris Cronn invite two students to plank with them around Littlefield Fountain. They hope to gain more fans of planking, a new trend, in Austin.



Stephanie Meza
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PLANKING

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planking has gotten easier, as more people have smartphones that can take high-resolution photos and instantly upload them to multiple platforms.

“It’s like if a tree falls in the forest and no one is around to hear it,” said Cronn, a UT alumnus. “If you plank and don’t post a picture, then no one knows you’ve done it.”

The trend has been controversial following the death of 20-year-old Acton Beale, who fell to his death in May trying to plank on a

balcony in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. In a report by the U.K.’s Daily Mail, Brisbane Deputy Police Commissioner Ross Barnett fears more accidents could occur “as people become more competitive and try more obscure and difficult episodes of planking.”

“We always promote safe and responsible planking,” Cronn said. “It’s when people take it to the extreme that they get hurt.”

Sanchez and Landis both moved to Austin in the past six months and they said planking has been a bonding activity more than anything else.

“While I’m traveling, away from home, the pictures I take planking are something fun to look back

on,” said Landis, who is originally from Australia. “Also, I’m connected with my friends back home who show me their pictures, and it’s been a way for me to bond with these guys here.”

Walking around campus, you couldn’t tell the guys were new friends. They take playful stabs at each other’s egos, help each other climb statues and walls to plank and are constantly laughing.

During a plank on Littlefield Fountain, a group of freshmen gathered and stared with a combination of curiosity and envy. Cronn approached them and asked if they knew what planking was. After a few minutes, the three friends and four strang-

ers were all planking around the fountain.

After the first four freshmen planked, two other groups came up to Cronn and said they wanted to try it, too. The newcomers were in hysterics as they assumed the planking position and took pictures of each other.

Planking may not be solving world hunger or helping the environment, Cronn said, but it does clearly bring people together. Since planking can be done anywhere, the possibilities are endless, he added.

“In a way, it’s like finding your own inspiration,” Cronn said. “That’s what planking is, finding your inspiration.”

TRAILER

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substantially less than starting a restaurant.

They wanted the trailer to have a real vintage feel, but still hold a fresh, unique vibe. They purchased a rare 1957 airstream trailer from a collector; one of only 300 made in that particular model. The trailer is already retro, but the stripped walls inside give it an industrial quality not normally found in food trailers. Krassner said they aren’t just looking for a box on wheels to serve food in.

They believe the trailer itself is as vital to the business as the partners themselves.

“There are really three partners in this venture,” Dennis said. “Lee, myself and the trailer.”

After finding the right trailer, the next step was to complete retrofitting. Krassner said he was lucky to acquire the services of the guys who outfitted Hey Cupcake! trailers. Renovation of the food trailer includes stripping down all the interior’s many layers of paint, installing kitchen appliances and re-buffing the exterior.

Making sure the trailer is ready for their opening day in mid-July is a top priority, Dennis said, but he doesn’t want to rush the process just to meet a deadline. It is better to take the time to make careful decisions and avoid shortcuts than to finish faster and run into problems down the line, he said.

“You can always go back and fix things,” Dennis said. “But we want to do it one time and do it right.”

While the trailer is under renovations, Dennis and Krassner have been using the time to develop their menu, handle the legal work and find a location. They set up a

limited liability company, and once the trailer renovations are complete, it will have to be inspected by the health department. They will also need to take a food handler permit test.

The trailer’s name, Dock and Roll Diner, plays on the concept that the duo are able to dock at any location, provide great food and, if necessary, roll out, Krassner said. The menu, which they are keeping under wraps until the opening, will be based around a bread roll recipe that the two originally created.

For their first location, Dennis and Krassner have settled on a spot in the Westlake area, though they hope to eventually cultivate a rotation of locations. They chose the area because they felt it was a relatively untapped location, leaving opportunity for growth.

Dennis said this is reflective of the food trailer industry itself.

“Although the market has become much more saturated with food trailers in the past few years, it’s still growing,” Dennis said.

With food trailers becoming less of a novelty and more of a business model, Dennis said he and Krassner will have to find other ways to set themselves apart.

“We have our concept,” Krassner said. “But it’s about constant revision and tweaking, finding more and more what we have to offer.”

They say unique and quality food, combined with a willingness to lean and take customer input will be their keys to success.

“We work 27 hours a day on our business,” Krassner said. “We’re always finding new ways to improve and our minds never really shut off.”

FOOD REVIEWS

FRESH OFF THE TRUCK, CURRYOSITY

Asian fusion trailer on campus lacks flavor, adequate seating

By Pooneh Momeni
Daily Texan Staff

Fresh Off the Truck, the latest food truck to join the campus trailer craze, appears to be a swanky new staple, but the food fails to impress.

The food trailer offers an extensive menu, including Korean, Vietnamese and fusion dishes. For summer, they have a scaled-down menu.

You know it’s a bad sign when you have to use the salt packet that comes with plastic cutlery. Although the Coca-Kalbi short ribs are braised and slow cooked well, the flavor was lacking and left something to be desired. The blandness of the short ribs was exemplified by the rice which, although fluffy, severely lacked salt. The Kalbi marinade, which is typically sweet with strong garlic tones, was too subdued.

Another popular dish, the chicken Katsu, repeated the same error of the short ribs — cooked well, but essentially flavorless.

The kimchi and Korean potatoes were a revelation compared to the main entrees. The sweet-pickled vegetables and spice from red pepper in the kimchi offers a superb combination in heat, sweet

Fresh Off the Truck
20th Street and Whitis Avenue
Type of food: Korean, Vietnamese and fusion
Price: Under \$10 per dish
Grade: C

and sour flavors, and crunchiness. The Korean potatoes, made from boiled and sauteed russet potatoes and topped with toasted sesame seeds, are sweet and savory — firm, but not crunchy.

The truck itself, which moves around campus, is painted with imitation graffiti and a chrome trim. The swanky trailer includes two full-sized ice chests filled with a variety of drinks and a bar displaying Asians snacks and chips also for sale.

The trailer is nice, but they could sacrifice appearance and purchase a bench or two for patrons. Customers are left to fend for themselves to find seating after they get their food.

Given the limited, bland menu and awkward seating situation, it will be interesting to see how successful Fresh Off the Truck is during the school year. As of now, the food truck has a long road ahead.

Hearty, hot curries define new food truck’s success

By Pooneh Momeni
Daily Texan Staff

East Cesar Chavez Street isn’t known for Indian food or even food trucks, but Curryosity opened for business two weeks ago and began offering curries and decadent desserts out of a trailer.

The trailer looks underwhelming compared to some of the other tricked-out, full-sized food trucks Austin has to offer. The immobile white trailer is bare save for its name written in a purplish graffiti font, but what Curryosity lacks in pizzazz, the food makes up for in flavor.

Walking up to the trailer, you’re greeted by Sean O’Keefe, co-owner of the truck, who is both welcoming and helpful in navigating the menu.

The food is flavorful and affordable. Bursts of cilantro, cumin, tumeric, curry and coconut — staple ingredients from East Asian cuisine, are found throughout the menu. Each a la carte dish ranges from \$5-7. For the \$10 meal deal, you get a hearty portion of curry with rice, a drink and a dessert. As a new trailer, the menu is limited — only offering red, green and yellow curries, which vary in spice from hottest to mildest, respectively.

Chock-full of Curryosity’s “hell sauce,” the red curry is definitely not for the faint of heart. With a base of dehydrated red chillies, the thick sauce is loaded with delicious bamboo shoots and fresh



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After a spicy meal, cool the fire with a creamy coconut custard topped with chocolate, shredded coconut and mint leaves. Although this dessert is French-inspired, Curryosity mainly serves up pan-Asian flavors.

zucchini that absorb the spice yet retain the crunchiness essential to a hearty curry. Attempting to eat such an intensely spicy dish outdoors in the Texas heat is a serious battle — a battle the owners must recognize, because they don’t start serving food until 6 p.m. Luckily, the food is served in takeout boxes because this particular dish is best enjoyed with air conditioning.

The real gems at Curryosity are the desserts. Although the dessert

menu varies daily, do not pass on the coconut custard topped with chocolate and toasted coconut if it’s available. The coconut custard embodies a creamy sweetness that, when contrasted with the bitterness of dark chocolate, brings your taste buds to life. Curryosity also offers a plain yogurt sauce to compliment the hell sauce called “heaven sauce,” but heaven is really in the dessert offerings.

Curroyist’s menu may be small,

Curryosity
East Cesar Chavez Street
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but the culinary team for the truck is undoubtedly setting itself up as the up-and-coming staple in Austin’s mobile food obsession.

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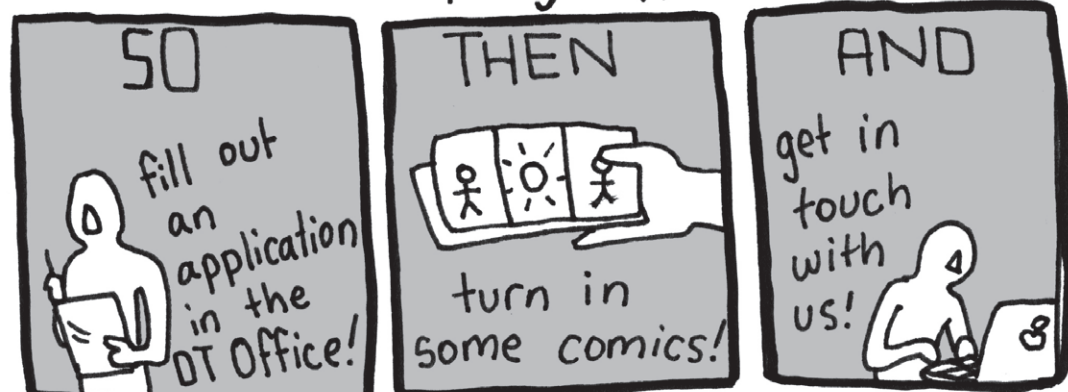
Do YOU Deserve Ice Cream?

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graph TD; Q1[Well... is it hot outside?] -- no --> L[Liar.]; Q1 -- yes --> Q2[Why are you asking me? Get some Ice Cream!]; L --> Q3[You don't deserve Ice Cream.]; Q3 -- but... --> Q4[Try SCREAMING for Ice Cream and see where that takes you.]; Q3 -- OK --> Q5[Try again.]; Q2 -- Sweet! --> Y[YUM!]; Q4 -- It worked! --> Y; Q4 -- It didn't work. --> Q5; Q5 -- I give up... --> Q6[Quitter.]; Q6 -- Name calling isn't nice. --> Q3; Q6 -- o rly comix by PG --> Sun((Sun));
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The flowchart is titled "Do YOU Deserve Ice Cream?". It starts with a box asking "Well... is it hot outside?". If the answer is "no", the path leads to a box labeled "Liar.", which then leads to "You don't deserve Ice Cream.". If the answer is "yes", the path leads to a box asking "Why are you asking me? Get some Ice Cream!". From "You don't deserve Ice Cream.", there are two paths: "but..." leads to "Try SCREAMING for Ice Cream and see where that takes you.", and "OK." leads to "Try again.". From "Why are you asking me? Get some Ice Cream!", the path "Sweet!" leads to a box labeled "YUM!". From "Try SCREAMING...", the path "It worked!" leads to "YUM!", and the path "It didn't work." leads to "Try again.". From "Try again.", the path "I give up..." leads to a box labeled "Quitter.", which then leads back to "You don't deserve Ice Cream." with the note "Name calling isn't nice.". A cartoon sun in the top right corner is labeled "o rly comix by PG". There are also three cartoon characters: a rabbit holding a lollipop, a bear, and a girl with a swirl of ice cream.



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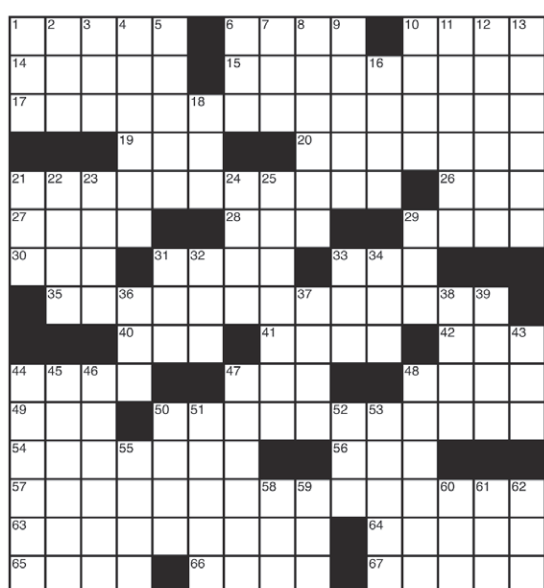
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| | Across | 27 Central point, as of an argument | 63 No matter what happens |
| 1 | Up high | 28 Farm-related: Abbr. | 64 Independent candidate Ralph |
| 6 | On | 29 China's ____ Xiaoping | 65 Old "Put a tiger in your tank" brand |
| 10 | Seriously susceptible to sunburn | 30 Knight's title | 66 Like the English Channel for the first time in 1875 |
| 14 | ____ Vader | 31 Floating ice mass | 67 The bee's ____ (the height of excellence) |
| 15 | Tex-Mex dish with lettuce, tomato, cheese, etc., in a hard tortilla "bowl" | 33 ____ Beta Kappa | |
| 17 | Daily kids' TV show that debuted in 1955, with "The" | 35 A real wag | Down |
| 19 | Gun owners' org. | 40 Convent resident | 1 Navy V.I.P. |
| 20 | Talk that might put one to sleep | 41 "____ of Eden" | 2 China's Chou En-____ |
| 21 | Classic song about an Irish lass that was a #1 hit in 1913 and 1947 | 42 Clearasil target, informally | 3 Tolkien creature |
| 26 | German magazine ____ Spiegel | 44 Wine barrel | 4 U.S. army post in Kentucky |
| | | 47 Govt. prosecutors | 5 Heat unit |
| | | 48 Florence's river | 6 \$\$\$ convenience |
| | | 49 Smart ____ whip | 7 "____ Te Ching" (old Chinese text) |
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| | | 54 Bulging, as a cloud | 9 Tricky puzzle |
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Puzzle by Nina Rulon-Miller

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| 33 Atire that might have images of jumping sheep, informally | 44 One hailed on city streets | 52 "___ do not!" |
| 34 Like the tropics | 45 Tibetans and Thais | 53 Actress Hilary |
| 36 Hard-to-erase stuff | 46 Tex-Mex sauces | 55 Funnymen Jay |
| 37 Leisure | 47 Prohibition of alcohol sales | 58 Baton Rouge sch. |
| 38 Book before Nehemiah | 48 Tarzan, for one | 59 Rep.'s rival |
| 39 Melon's cover | 50 Elapse | 60 "___ on a Grecian Urn" |
| 43 Tip of a sock | 51 Plane of acronym | 61 Michelle Obama (___ Robinson) |
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Mobility, retro vibe to be selling points of new food trailer

By Rachel Perlmutter
Daily Texan Staff

Sparks flew from the vintage, aluminum airstream trailer as workers buffed and polished the aluminum shell. In about three weeks, the trailer will be ready for business, carrying out the vision local entrepreneurs Daniel Dennis and Lee Krassner imagined a month earlier.

Like many before them, Dennis and Krassner, both 26, chose to open a food trailer because the flexible business model offers them an easier opportunity to venture into the food industry. The highlights of their food trailer, Dock and Roll Diner, will be an original bread recipe, a funky retro vibe and mobility.

"There is a lot less overhead than a brick-and-mortar restaurant and a lot less risk,"

Krassner said.

Krassner, a former chef, had the idea in January when he was living in New York and originally planned to open a food trailer in the Hamptons with another friend. Realizing the venture was not for him, Krassner reworked his original idea and presented it to Dennis, a fitness center manager, to create a trailer in Austin. They decided to move forward with it together and put their plan in motion.

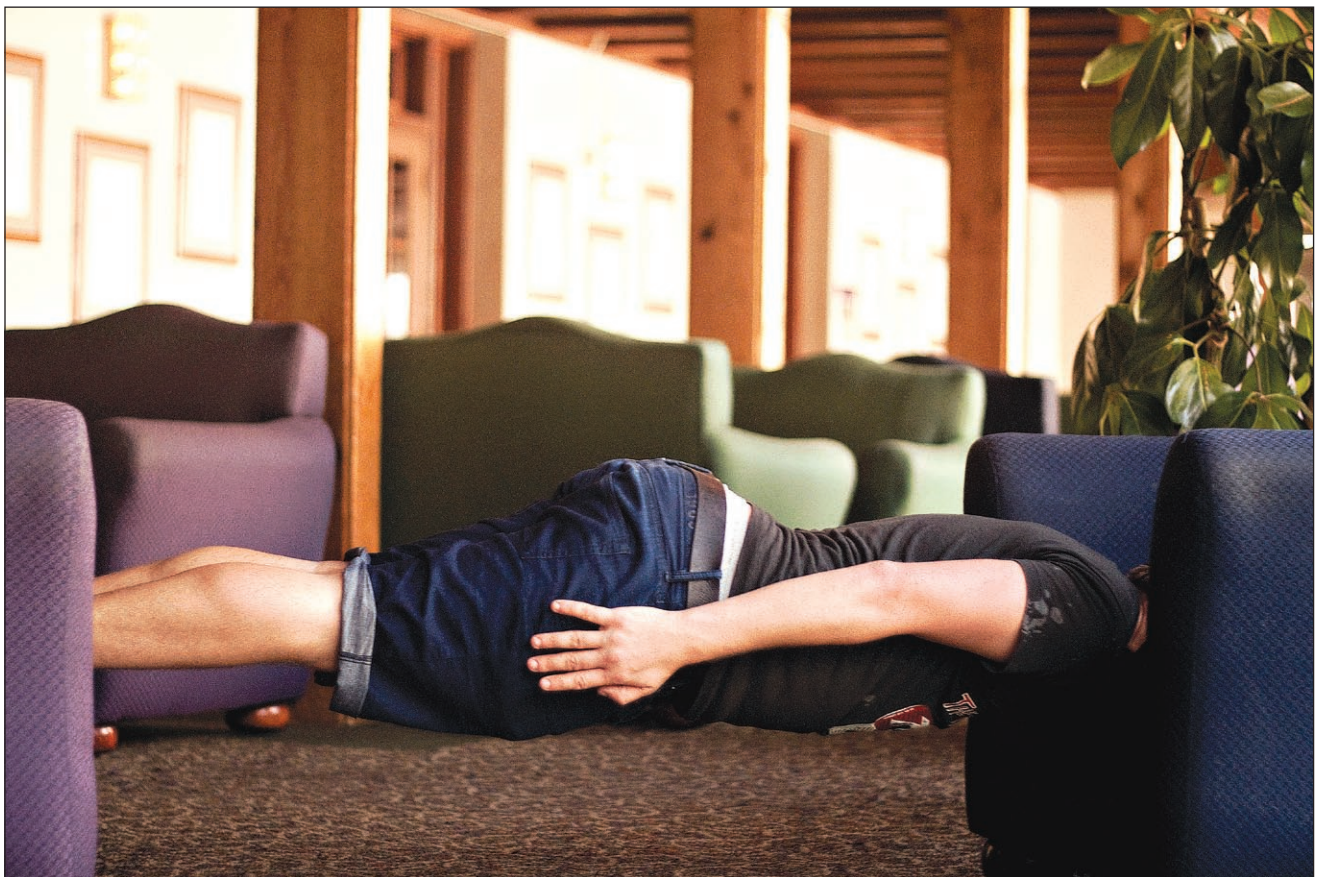
The mobility of the food trailer opens it up to many possibilities, providing the ability to take the business wherever there are new opportunities, Krassner explained. The rough start-up cost for a trailer in Austin, Dennis added, is about \$35,000;

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Daniel Dennis and Lee Krassner are partners in the food trailer Dock and Roll Diner, which will open for business in three weeks.



Planking is a new trend in which participants lie rigid on their stomachs in imitation of a wooden board.

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Daily Texan Staff

Planking group brings fad to Austin

By Pooneh Momeni
Daily Texan Staff

The latest Internet fad doesn't require you to scale park walls or coordinate an elaborate group dance number in a public place. Instead, you find as bizarre a location as possible to lay facedown like a plank of wood.

Planking, or the "lying down game," takes its names from how participants emulate a wooden board by lying face down in an unexpected, often public, place.

Gonzalo Sanchez, founder of Planking Austin, is bringing the phenomenon to the city in hopes of inspiring people to partake in the sport he said he believes has the power to bring people together.

"The point of planking is really whatever you want it to be," he said. "But for me it's a way to stay connected to my family and bond with my friends."

Sanchez and his friends Mitch Landis and Chris Cronn began planking a few weeks ago and decided to launch Planking Austin in early May simply to promote the activity. Within a week of the group's launch, Sanchez was contacted by Fox Austin for an on-air interview. Since then, the group's

membership has grown to 159 as of Sunday afternoon, and their mission has changed.

"Our dream now is to convince the University [of Texas] to get the entire entering freshman class to do a group plank," Sanchez said.

But there are a couple obstacles inhibiting the trio from achieving their goal. Namely, people have never heard of planking, or if they have, they think it's pointless.

It seems ridiculous that imitating a plank of wood would come

with instructions, but as Landis and Cronn lie down on the steps of the South Mall, Sanchez gives a rundown of the "dos and don'ts" of planking.

The person must be face down, expressionless, with their arms at their sides and toes together and pointed. The crucial part of perpetuating the popularity of this activity is, however, the photograph. You must have a picture taken of the plank and post the picture somewhere where others can see it.

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